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5. Visit to Labor Ministry. In the course of a recent visit to Riyadh, Harold Snell, Labor Attache, U.S. Embassy, Beirut and Eugene Bird, Consulate General, Dhahran, held wide-ranging discussions with Abd al Rahman MANSUR, Director General, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. The talks covered the Ministry's plans for expanding vocational training, improving labor planning and drafting new safety regulations. The Director General gave his American visitors a warm welcome and was obviously pleased and flattered by their interest in his problems. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY

1. Armed Forces Supplemental Appropriation. At its April 12 session the Cabinet approved a decision of the Supreme Defense Council calling for the strengthening of Saudi armed forces, and appropriated SR 100 million for this purpose. Later MODA Prince Sultan advised CHUSMTM that the additional funds which were taken from the General Reserve would be used for the purchase of clothing, vehicles and equipment. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. CINCSTRIKE Visit. General Paul D. Adams, CINCSTRIKE, and staff visited Jidda for meetings with country team April 15. Ambassador and General Adams called on MODA Prince Sultan to discuss several aspects of USMTM operations in the Kingdom. Part of Adams' crowded schedule was given over to meetings with Ambassador Korry and General Cagwin who flew to Jidda from Addis Ababa. General Adams stated he would endeavor have immediate action taken on several matters on which Saudis seeking prompt action. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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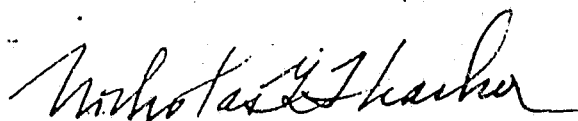
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3. Najran Flood. Al-Nadwa on April 15 front-paged a short report on joint SAG-USG assistance sent rapidly to victims of a flash flood in Najran early this month. USMTM's prompt despatch of a plane-load of rations, medicines and medical aid and a second shipment of supplies sent by the USAF in Germany were noted.
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